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In re Application of:
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
RELATING TO A CARDIAC-SPECIFIC
NUCLEAR REGULATORY FACTOR

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Robert A. Wax

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 28, 2004

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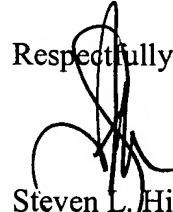
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 28, 2004 for which the date for response was February 28, 2004.

A request for a four-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This four-month extension will bring the due date to June 28, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSD:695US/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-43 and 81, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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